



THAW MUCK OVER AGAIN

Defendant's Attorney Resist the Order.

EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC

On Ground That District Attorney Jerome Has An Uterior Motive.

EVELYN'S STORY SHORTENED

Mother and Wife of the Defendant Still the Principals in the Great Life Contest in New York—Jerome's Cross-Examination Will be a Severe One.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Evelyn Thaw, repeated her story today. It lacked the vitality of the first recital but the audience listened intently. Justice Dowling refused to close the doors. The throng clamored for admittance and besieged the court house all day.

Jerome, failing to exclude the public, retaliated in his cross-examination by probing into all the details of the first trial which the defense omitted on the first examination.

Jerome also sought to minimize Evelyn's testimony entirely on the ground that a conversation three years before the tragedy had no bearing on Thaw's mind on the night of the homicide. Dowling overruled the objection.

Evelyn was on the stand all day. Jerome announced at the adjournment that the cross-examination would occupy all of tomorrow's session.

Jerome constantly interrupted her story. He sought to exclude all details, alleging irrelevancy. Jerome's objections led Justice Dowling to request Littleton to make his examination as short as possible.

Littleton obeyed, only to find that on cross-examination Jerome insisted upon reading from last year's record nearly every word the witness then uttered. He did this under the privilege of framing new questions.

Littleton objected strenuously declaring that Jerome, by reading former testimony, in a disagreeable manner, was trying to discredit her before the jury because he could not discredit her in any way directly.

Jerome's tone characterized most of the questions put to the witness whom he attacked in the loudest voice yet used at the trial. He plunged immediately into minute details and made no delicate choice of words.

Littleton's objections to the offensiveness and impropriety were frequently sustained. Mrs. Thaw matched both Jerome and his assistant, Mr. Garvan, ever at his chief's elbow with suggestions. She fenced as skillfully as she did a year ago. At times she reflected the mood and manner of Jerome, by answering in a strident voice, in as loud a key as his own.

Jerome's pitiless aggressive questions often struck fire. Once when Jerome demanded to know if she told Thaw certain things, she retorted "Yes, I told him, but I did not use the language you are using."

"Don't argue with me, madam," shouted Jerome. He then had the reply stricken from the records. Only one new feature appeared in her testimony, when she told about Thaw swallowing laudanum with suicidal intent, at Monte Carlo in 1904. Previous in New York, she added, Thaw talked of suicide, and suggested that she also take poison, as both their lives had been ruined. She humored Thaw at the time and diverted his mind. When she left the room he took the poison.

"Why didn't you tell us about this at the first trial?" shouted Jerome.

"Mr. Delmas said it might make Harry out too crazy," Evelyn retorted before Jerome could stop her.

TENNIS SEASON PROGRAM.

Some Great Players Coming to Contest for Championship.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—That there will be an American challenge this year for the Dwight F. Davies cup was indicated yesterday by a member of the National Lawn Tennis Association's Executive Committee. The Association, however, is not likely, according to this authority, to send representatives to compete in the English Olympic championship matches. Elimination contest with the Doherty Brothers, who are expected here on their way to Australia to play for the Davies cup, are outlined as a probable part of the season's tennis program. Two German players may accompany the Dohertys and the possibility of preliminary matches in this country with the winning nation to go on to Australia for the final challenge matches. Plans to this end are expected to be presented and urged for adoption at the Association's annual meeting next month.

BANK COMMISSIONERS SUED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Henry B. Russ today began suit against the present and former state bank commissioners to recover \$16,374 deposited with the California Safe Deposit & Trust Company on the strength of favorable reports regarding that institution, issued by the commission. His faith in official reports impelled him to deposit \$10,000 two days before the bank closed.

DYNAMITE DOINGS

Town of Hammond, Indiana, Has Peculiar Mystery.

POLICE AND PEOPLE BAFFLED

Explosion Tears up One of the Finest Blocks in City—No Accounting for the Perpetrator or Cause—Miracle That no One Was Injured.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—A bomb explosion in the finest office building in town yesterday startled and mystified the police and inhabitants of Hammond, Ind.

The building is called the Sidmon McHie block and in it are the offices of the Hammond Board of Trade near which the explosion is said to have occurred. Reports as to this nature of the outrage are conflicting. The police denied that they had any clues or even, the theories regarding the explosion.

A bomb filled with dynamite and attached to a time fuse went off with a tremendous report and everybody within a distance of several blocks felt the shock. Dishes and windows were rattled and the alarm was general.

"The explosion tore a hole in the roof," said one of the employes in the building. "It was big enough for a man to drop through. It is a miracle no one was injured, as there were a number of men in the building at the time."

The bomb was placed directly over the elevator shaft. The person who placed it there had plenty of time to escape, as the time fuse, to which the bomb was connected, probably burned for 10 minutes before the explosion occurred.

Besides the Board of Trade, the building is occupied by the Lake County Daily Times and numerous professional men. It is owned by Sidmon McHie of Chicago.

McHie owns, with his brother, R. H. McHie, of Hammond, a large grain elevator at Hammond.

HELD UP AND SERIOUSLY SHOT.

TACOMA, Jan. 20.—A. W. Thornely, the Mexican vice-consul, was held up by two highwaymen and shot. The ball entered the throat and lodged near the spinal cord. He fell to the ground and was removed half an hour later to the hospital where an operation is being performed for the removal of the bullet.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Is Out for a De Facto Port.

EFFECTIVE WORK DONE

The Necessity for Astoria to Provide Herself With a Legal Status.

NAMES STANDING COMMITTEES

That Immediate Steps Were Imperative That a Charter Amendment be Submitted for the Initiative of the People of This City at June Election.

The Astoria Chamber of Commerce went into session at 7:30 o'clock last evening under its new auspices for the year 1908. President W. T. Scholfield, presiding, and Assistant Secretary J. T. Wallace, acting as secretary in place of manager and Secretary John H. Whyte, absent in California, with the Ad Men's excursion.

The meeting opened under the regular order of business, and led off with the report of Manager Whyte, compiled with especial reference to this session, and being a series of suggestions pertinent to the hour and the good of the work the Chamber stands for; it included among other things the following list of standing committees for the year, named by the president, which were duly approved by the membership last evening:

Executive Committee—F. L. Parker, G. C. Futon, S. S. Gordon.

Promotion Committee—Frank Patton, F. J. Carney, Dr. T. L. Ball, Herman Wise, J. T. Ross, Norris Staples, C. J. Trenchard, J. E. Gratzke, James W. Welch.

Committee on Commerce and Navigation—J. Q. A. Bowly, C. S. Gunderson, R. E. Carruthers.

Committee on Manufacturing and Industries—C. G. Palmberg, R. E. Carruthers, R. M. Leathers.

Railroad and Transportation Committee—C. W. Carnahan, R. B. Dyer, J. T. Wallace.

Legislative and Judiciary Committee—F. J. Taylor, G. C. Fulton, A. M. Smith.

Committee on Fisheries and Propagation—A. Scherneckau, C. R. Higgins, H. M. Lornsten.

Committee on Statistics and Compilation—A. R. Cyrus, Dr. T. L. Ball, B. Van Dusen.

Committee on Roads and Highways—F. A. Fisher, C. W. Carnahan, P. A. Stokes.

Committee on Membership and Subscription—C. M. Cellar, H. Hoefler, Wm. Madison, F. N. Clark, Wm. Gratzke, W. S. Stokes, T. R. Davies, Norris Staples, Dan B. Allen.

Committee on Agriculture and Dairying—C. W. Barr, E. Z. Ferguson, A. S. Skyles, William Larson and Geo. Judd.

Reception Committee—Herman Wise, P. L. Chewy, Hon. C. W. Fulton, E. Z. Ferguson, C. S. Brown, Dr. T. L. Ball, C. M. Cellar, John C. McCue, Dr. W. C. Logan, J. E. Higgins, John Fox, Dr. C. W. Barr, John N. Griffin, H. F. Prael, J. E. Smith, Charles Heilborn, Dr. Alford Kinney, W. E. Tallant, Dr. A. A. Finch, C. J. Trenchard, H. J. Wherity, R. H. Hoefler, J. E. Gratzke, J. S. Dellinger, J. H. Whyte, J. T. Wallace, James W. Welch, R. M. Pomeroy, C. W. Carnahan, Dr. O. B. Estes.

The full report was then referred to the Committee on Promotion for further treatment as may be deemed best for the future of the Chamber.

A. R. Cyrus then made a partial report on the matter of the desired use of the Fort Stevens rifle-range, saying that Colonel White, in command there, has been seen, and had signified that the range of 600 yards at the fort was open to the use of any organized mil-

itary or naval group that desired to use it for practice.

Gabriel Wingate then sprung the sensation of the evening in a quiet, but convincing way, namely, the necessity for Astoria to provide herself with legal status and equipment as a port, in law; in other words that immediate steps were imperative that a charter amendment be submitted for the initiative of the people of this city at the June election for the establishment of the Port of Astoria, with all the adequate and incident authority attaching to such an organization and embracing every atom of her commercial rights in this river and harbor. The idea took immensely and while there was no particular "hurrah" about it, it was evident that the suggestion was exactly in line with popular conception of what was essential to make the attitude and latitude of the port fixed and definitive. As a feature of this reception, the matter resulted in the appointment of a special committee consisting of Messrs. Wingate, A. M. Smith and J. W. Welch, to formulate a draft of the procedure necessary for the launching of the work in good and sequent shape, at the next regular meeting of the Chamber; and this will be done. It is hoped that the attendance on that night, Monday, the 3rd day of February, will be so great and so unanimous on this live issue as to ensure its early and complete presentation to the people at large.

Dr. Barr then took occasion to manifest his exceeding interest in the expansion of the membership of the Chamber to the round sum of 500; and as a consequence, he was immediately made chairman of a special committee to enter into a competitive effort with the regular committee on Membership and Subscription, for a sixty-day try-out in this behalf, the losing committee to stand for a dollar dinner to the losers. The proposition went with a whirl, and big results are looked for.

Mr. Wingate made an apt and persuasive talk for the establishment of a flour mill here, if only of a capacity of 100 barrels a day; and his suggestion was promptly passed up to the committee on promotion for definite action in the near future.

The president and secretary of the Chamber were appointed a special committee to revise the order of business of the Chamber and have the same printed and properly distributed among the members, without delay.

Mr. Cyrus submitted a plea for advice from the Chamber as to what he might tell an intending settler in this country from abroad as to the possibilities warranting the establishment of a slaughterhouse and sausage factory, and the matter will be disposed of at the next session.

The meeting was a live one and will bear fruit in the next few months of an extremely valuable sort, especially in the matter of creating the Port of Astoria by due process of law and popular sanction; of which, it is hoped, may be wrought out with good grace and certain success.

BANKER GAVE CUE.

Robbers Follow Sleepwalking President Into Bank.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—A despatch to the Tribune from Jackson, Miss., says: A unique confession was made yesterday to A. F. Thompson, president of the National Bank of Hattiesburg, by James Harper and W. T. Smith, bank robbers, brought back from Seattle, Washington, where they were caught after a long chase.

Harper says the bank president walked in his sleep. He and Smith watched the bank for several nights, according to their confession, and frequently witnessed Thomason enter with the aid of his door key. They never dreamed that he was not in the full possession of his senses until they saw him under an electric light with his eyes closed. Then the robbers say they conceived a plan to enter the bank with Thomason and to gag him if he came out of his trance. They declare that Thomason gave them the combination to the safe, which they looked and that they left, leaving Thomason asleep in the bank.

REPORTED KILLED IN WRECK.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 20.—Four persons are reported killed and a number of others injured in a wreck on the Atlanta-Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad, near Shadna, Ga., today.

LAND FRAUD TESTIMONY

Zachary Acted as Advance Agent.

SECURED LARGE AREAS

Suggested the Idea of Filing on Homesteads and Erecting Their Cabins.

ALMOST CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE

Prosecution Elicited Statement That Government Blanks Were Filled Before They Signed Them—Extracts of Land Laws Not Read to Entrymen.

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—With testimony that appeared almost conclusive from several witnesses in the so-called Hall-Mays conspiracy case, the government disclosed to the jury how, during the years 1900 and 1901 the Butte Creek Land, Livestock & Lumber Co. secured large areas of public land in a manner the prosecution alleges was fraudulent and illegal. The prosecution made wonderful progress today with the development of its case. From 11 o'clock in the morning until the court adjourned at 5 o'clock in the evening five witnesses testified.

In brief, the testimony was to the effect that Clarence B. Zachary, the foreman of the company, served as a sort of advance agent for the corporation in its alleged land-grabbing. The witness declared, knew where the land was located and suggested the idea of filing on the homesteads. They declared that he proposed to erect their cabins and look after the cultivation and attend to other requirements of the homestead law and he agreed to purchase their claims for about \$300 when the final proof was completed.

They testified that these applications were filed with H. H. Hendricks, another member of the company, who was at that time United States commissioner. None of the entrymen, they declared, knew where the land was located when they filed their applications and none of them ever visited their claims more than two or three times and then for periods of but 10 to 15 minutes each. When the proper time arrived, the witnesses declared, each appeared before Hendricks, except one who went before James S. Stewart at the Dalles and signed the final proof papers. When their final receipt arrived from the land office, they testified, they transferred their property to the company and received the stipulated consideration.

Judge Webster for the defense cross-examined the witnesses severely and sought to bring out that they knew they were perjuring themselves at all times when the acts in question were committed. This caused the prosecution, in re-direct examination of one of the witnesses, to elicit the statement that answers had already been filled into government blanks before they signed them, and that the extracts from the land laws contained on the blanks which are supposed to be read to each entryman for his guidance and protection were never read to them.

OUT FOR BUSINESS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Eleven newboys were arrested last night for shouting "War is declared between the United States and Japan". The boys for hours had gone through the streets giving utterance to the sensational yells. They were selling a weekly newspaper and meeting with a large sale until victimized persons called up the police. The boys were released after having been warned.

HOME COOKS CRITICISED.

One Reason Why Men are Disposed to Strong Drink.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—That women cook so badly that drive their husbands to drink was the statement made yesterday Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum, in an address at the Hebrew technical School for Girls. After describing the excellent work being done by the school, the justice said:

"In this country, the cooking is far from what it ought to be, particularly in the country districts, where nature has endowed the soil with all that should make for ideal conditions as to food. Yet, the average woman there knows nothing about cooking. The cooking is vile. Children are nourished improperly. The wage earner, the bread winner, does not receive proper food to sustain him. I have no doubt that many men go to saloons at night just because they are improperly nourished at home."

THE INCIDENT IS CLOSED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—On the ground that it was sought to enjoin Secretary Cortelyou from doing what was now an accomplished fact and sought to invoke the injunction power of Cortelyou, Judge Gould today denied George W. Austen's application for an order preventing the Secretary from allotting \$21,500,000 Panama bonds to certain national banks. This practically ends the suit.

WARNED BRAZILIANS

Possible Attempt to Blow up Battleships.

ONLY ONE NAME MENTIONED

A Few Have Treated the Story Seriously, Others Have Regarded it as Fantastic and Many Have Dismissed it as a Myth.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The reports from Rio Janeiro that the Brazilian authorities were warned from Paris of the possible attempt to blow up the battleships is true.

Recently certain suspicions indicating the existence of a plot to destroy a part of or the whole fleet at Rio Janeiro or in the Straits of Magellan were aroused and communicated to Rio Janeiro and Washington. A chartered steamship was reported to have conveyed explosives for the use of the conspirators at Rio Janeiro arriving there about the middle of December, and John Fedher mentioned in the Rio Janeiro dispatch was one of the men alleged to be implicated in the conspiracy. The plot is supposed to have startling ramifications but the evidence is far from conclusive, resting upon the statement of an individual whose record is proved to be bad. The whole affair is regarded with skepticism and the presumption is that it may have been a deliberately concocted scare. In any event, it is not believed that if the plot existed, the timely warning and precautions frustrated the plans of the conspirators and compelled them to transfer operations farther south if not to abandon them entirely. A few have treated the story seriously, others have regarded it as fantastic and many have dismissed it as a myth. Today's reports from Rio Janeiro have been characterized as another weird chapter of fantastic recital. It is believed here that the action of the Rio Janeiro police grew out of information forwarded to Rio Janeiro from Washington and Paris.

The administration has admitted cognizance of knowledge of the belief of ulterior designs at Rio Janeiro. The warning received through the embassy at Paris was vague. The officers are skeptical, pointing out that such a plot could succeed only with the use of approved apparatus operated by experts.

AGAIN THE STORK.

MADRID, Jan. 20.—It is semi-officially announced that the Queen of Spain is again en cliente. The accouchement is expected in July.